

REMARKS

[0002] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. A summary of amendments to the claims of the application is as follows:

- Claims 1-53 are pending in this application;
- Claims 1-19 and 23-32 are withdrawn herein;
- Claims 46-53 are amended herein; and
- No new claims are added herein.

Election/Restriction

[0003] The claims are subject to a restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as allegedly containing five patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a method for allocating bandwidth for transmission and reception, classified in class 370, subclass 468.
- II. Claims 11-16, drawn to a method for contending among client devices, classified in class 370, subclass 447.
- III. Claims 17-19, drawn to a method for queuing a request, classified in class 370, subclass 412.
- IV. Claims 20-22 and 33-53, drawn to a method or a system for scheduling request transmission, classified in class 370, subclass 395.4.
- V. Claims 23-32, drawn to a method for allocating bandwidth for a channel, classified in class 370, subclass 329.

[0004] Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of group IV – claims 20-22 and 33-53. Accordingly, claims 1-19 and 23-32 are withdrawn herein.

Conclusion

[0005] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned representative for the Applicant before issuing a subsequent Action.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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